

House Resolution No. 3113

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Poplar Bluff R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 20, 2005, with the retirement of Phyllis Leonard who has devoted forty years of her life to the education of this nation's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Phyllis Leonard has taught reading for seven years at Poplar Bluff R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Phyllis Leonard has served in numerous position in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, Maryland, California, Iowa, and Missouri; and

Whereas, Phyllis Leonard has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Poplar Bluff R-I fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Phyllis Leonard; and

Whereas, Phyllis Leonard has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband of forty-two years, Col. George F. Leonard, Retired; two children, Mary Ann Feller of New York and John Irvin Leonard of Boston, Massachusetts; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth Feller and David Feller:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Poplar Bluff R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Phyllis Leonard has rendered to this nation's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Phyllis Leonard, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Gayle Kingery
District No. 154

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3113, adopted May 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker